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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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| In re Application of: |) | Group Art Unit: 1742 |
| PIERRE LABELLE, ET AL. |) | Examiner: Michael P. Alexander |
| Serial No.: 10/667,023 |) | |
| Filed: September 18, 2003 |) | |
| For: MAGNESIUM-BASED ALLOY FOR |) | |
| SEMI-SOLID CASTING HAVING |) | |
| ELEVATED TEMPERATURE |) | |
| PROPERTIES |) | |

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the First Office Action mailed October 26, 2005, for the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Addition Fee |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Total Claims | 33 | Minus | 32 | 1 X | \$ 50.00 = | \$50.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | Minus | 4 | 0 X | \$ 200.00 = | \$ -0- |
| Total Additional Fee for This Amendment | | | | | | \$50.00 |

A check in the amount of \$50.00 is attached.

Also filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time along with a check for the amount of \$120.00, to cover the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

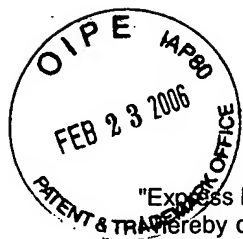
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In response to the Official Action mailed on October 26, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on February 26, 2006, with a one-month extension of time. The Applicant submits concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for one month, accompanied by the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.